

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Territorial Sea Shrimp Closure and Portion of Zone 3 Opening

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons, and R.S. 56:6.1 which provides the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with authority to declare a closed season on any and all species of fish found or existing in the waters of the state, and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and a resolution adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on May 6, 2010 which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay the opening of, or close, the 2010 spring inshore shrimp season if biological and technical data indicate the presence of significant numbers of small, unmarketable size brown shrimp; and to close any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop. The secretary is further granted the authority to open any area, or re-open any previously closed area, of inside waters based upon biological and technical data, the Secretary hereby declares:

The shrimp season in that portion of state outside waters seaward of the inside/outside shrimp line as described in LA R.S. 56:495 from the western shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River at 89 degrees 08 minutes 42 seconds west longitude westward to the eastern shore of Quatre Bayou Pass at 89 degrees 50 minutes 32.5 seconds west longitude effective 6:00 p.m., May 6, 2010. State outside waters west of the eastern shore of Quatre Bayou Pass shall remain open to shrimping until further notice.

The spring inshore shrimp season in that portion of Shrimp Management Zone 3 including the Calcasieu Ship Channel originating at a line between Channel Markers 85 and 86 southward to a point originating along the inside/outside shrimp line at Calcasieu Pass as described in R.S. 56:495(A) and including East Pass from its origin at the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the south end of Calcasieu Lake and West Pass from its origin at the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the south end of West Cove and including the Louisiana portion of the Sabine River Ship Channel originating at the south side of Louisiana Highway 82 bridge southward to a point originating along the inside/outside shrimp line at Sabine Pass as described in LA R.S. 56:495(A) will open at 6:00 a.m., May 10, 2010.

Robert J. Barham
Secretary